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SUBJ: GABONESE VISAS FOR DEPENDENTS OF US PROFESSOR

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING GABONESE VISAS FOR WIFE AND CHILDREN OF AMERICAN FULBRIGHT GRANTEE RALPH SETIAN CURRENTLY TEACHING ENGLISH AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF GABON.

2. WIFE APPLIED FOR VISAS FOR HERSELF AND TWO CHILDREN IN JUNE 1973. AT TIME OF APPLICATION SHE WAS CONSIDERING OFFER FROM GABONESE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO TEACH IN LIBREVILLE BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DECLINED DUE REFUSAL COLUMBIA UNIERSITY TO GRANT HER YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE. DESPITE FACT MRS. SETIAN HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO GABONESE EMBASSY ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SHE WISHES VISIT LIBREVILLE AS HUSBAND'S DEPENDENT, HER PASSPORTS AND APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO HER. SHE ASSUMESGABONESE EMBASSY HAS NO ATUTHORITY GRANT VISAS TO DEPENDENTS. AS SHE HAS LIMITED VACATION BEGINNING MID-NOVEMBER IT IMPORTANT VISAS BE GRANTED SOONEST.

3. NAMES OF SETIAN DEPENDENTS AS FOLLOWS (ALL INDIVIDUAL PASSPORTS): SOSI SETIAN (WIFE); PANDORA SETIAN (DAGHTER); AND JULIAN SETIAN (SON).

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH POINT OUT TO GABONESE EMBASSY HARDSHIP ON AMCITS OFFERING THEIR SERVICES TO GABON WHO ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING THEIR DEPENDENTS WITH

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THEM. SUCH DENIALS ARE ALSO CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF

LETTER PRESIDENT BONGO REENTLY WROTE TO GABONESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING MORE LIBERAL VISA POLICY TOWARD AMCITS. EMBASSY PLANS MAKE PARALLEL REPRESENTATION TO PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF SETIAN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

5. FYI: ADDRESS FOR MRS. SETIAN: 542 W. 112TH ST., NO. 52, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10025; TEL. NO. (212) 865-3804.  
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